



SMILIE FERRARI writes to us from Fort Bliss, Texas.

After being in Alaska for 25 months the States look very good to me. I enjoyed my short furlough in Niles very much and it was great to see some of my old friends again. I have hopes of being back on furlough in the very near future but this time my stay will be much shorter. The regiment has been broken up into battalions and I am driving my old colonel from the North once again. We have been in the desert of New Mexico firing our guns and will not return to camp until this coming weekend which will make a two-week stay here. Just a few minutes ago sand was blowing everywhere and then it rained. Now the moon is shining but not for long because the weather is quite changeable in this part of the state.

Received your last three issues of the paper and thank you very kindly for mailing them to me.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Raymond of Irvington received two very nice letters from overseas last week. One was from Lt. LEROY RAYMOND, who is in Italy.

Dear Folks: If I've figured correctly this is the first letter you have received from me in approximately a month. This is the first chance I've had to write and of course I'm doing so because I'm sure you are interested in my welfare and location.

As usually written, I feel fine. The country is Italy. My first impression isn't very good. It's plain to see that these people have never enjoyed the luxuries our middle class have been used to for years.

I'm not in my regular organization as yet, and my A.P.O. should change at that time.

It's only natural that I miss the States and I'll let you know when I see a spot as nice as the Santa Clara Valley. I certainly miss you folks and feel terrible about not being able to see you before I left. Please don't worry about me and be sure you write often.

Another letter the Raymonds received was from Capt. JOE BAUHOFFER, now in New Guinea.

I received your swell card and was glad to hear that you are all well. As for me I am still in as good health as ever.

I still work in the sales office and like it well, as we meet so many people there.

I guess Dan Richuth has left here as I haven't seen him in some time now. I received a letter from Phil Ramsell and he says that things are all right up there with him—a little hard going at first but has settled down now to normal. He writes that he has met Joe Avilla up there, so it looks like all our boys, or most of us, are here in the Southwest Pacific.

We will soon have a lot of Wacs here, and are the boys looking forward to seeing some new faces?

Today is Sunday here, so we have the day off to do with as we please. Tell all my friends hello for me.

Friends of SELWYN O. ROBINSON of Irvington, serving with the U. S. Army Engineers in the New Hebrides, will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted from private to technician fifth grade. He says we have a big job to do and the boys in his company are anxious to get it over with so they can come home.

DEAN LYON of Niles has recently joined the United States merchant marine.

A new member of the merchant marine, JOHNNY CONNER of Niles, has returned from his first trip, which took him to Hawaii. He is now visiting his mother, Mrs. Flora Conner of Niles, while waiting for a new ship.

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Solon's Almanac



"A word, once sent abroad, flies irrevocably"—Horace

AUGUST

12—Dutch establish first police force in New York, 1658.

13—First Welsh immigrants arrive in Pa., 1862.

14—Atwood files from St. Louis to New York for record, 1911.

15—Port Dearborn massacre, 1812.

16—Carnegie Steel establishes 8 hour day, 1923.

17—Fulton's steamboat makes first trip on Hudson river, 1807.

18—Pres. Roosevelt confers with Canadian Premier near border, 1940.

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BIGGEST PACK OF APRICOTS IN BOOTH'S HISTORY

The largest apricot pack in its history was handled this year by the F. E. Booth cannery in Centerville, reports M. J. O'Brien, superintendent. More than 100,000 cases were canned.

Weather this year worked in favor of farmers and cannery. Harvest time, due to slow ripening, was spread over a longer period and this made up for the general help shortage in orchards and cannery.

O'Brien gives great credit to the women of Washington Township for their work in the Centerville cannery. Patriotism, rather than the desire to earn money, was the reason for many working.

The cannery is now handling peaches, which crop will be coming in for about 30 days. There is still a shortage of help, reports O'Brien. Women are needed in all departments.

Inquiries by telephone are invited. Bus transportation is available throughout the township and from Pleasanton.

After peach canning will come the tomato crop, and until the last tomato is in a can the help situation will be urgent, O'Brien states.

NEWARK MAN COMMUTES HALF MILLION MILES

After commuting nearly a half million miles back and forth from his home in Newark to the Alameda County Court House, Arthur T. Biddle, chief tax clerk in the office of County Tax Collector Earl J. Twomey, concludes 40 years of service as a county employee upon his retirement on August 10. At an informal luncheon Saturday, Twomey and members of his staff bade farewell to the department head.

First employed in 1903 as a deputy county auditor by the late Gilman W. Bacon, then auditor, Biddle subsequently was appointed deputy county recorder. In 1915 he was named a deputy county clerk by the late George Gross and was assigned as such.

In 1918 Biddle was candidate for county tax collector and made a strong bid at the polls. Then during the first World War period he engaged in active war work, and at its conclusion became deputy county assessor.

For 23 years Biddle also served as Newark Grammar School trustee and as clerk of that body; and also was secretary and member of the Washington Union High School trustees for a like period. He was one of the organizers of the Alameda County Employees Association, was a member of its board of directors, and took a prominent part in the City and County Credit Union activities.

He was one of the founders of the Newark Chamber of Commerce and its first president, and was instrumental in organizing the Union Sanitary District, Newark Fire District and the first R.F.D. route in Washington Township, which was served from the Newark Post Office.

Prior to his entry into the county's service, Biddle was employed by the Southern Pacific Company as a machinist and for a period served as business agent of the machinists' union.

Biddle became a member of the Knights of Pythias in Centerville in 1897. He has been a Mason since 1901 and is still secretary of the board of directors of the Centerville Masonic Hall Association, of which he was one of the organizers.

With his wife, Etta M., Biddle has been a resident of Newark since 1894, and he plans to continue his activities here.

rites Held For W. FREDERICKS

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Wallace Edward Fredericks, 48, who was killed last Sunday when his pick-up truck was struck by a freight train at the Nursery Road crossing.

Fredericks was well known locally, having lived in Decoto for twenty years. He was operator of the Decoto Machine Shop, which was formerly the Willett and Burr Construction Yard. He was considered an excellent machinist.

Final rites were observed at the Berge Mortuary at Niles and interment took place at the Golden Gate Cemetery in San Bruno. Fredericks is survived by his wife, Mary, and his mother, Mrs. Anna Logan of Oakland.

BROTHER OF MRS. MATHIESEN KILLED IN ACCIDENT

George B. Young of Berkeley, brother of Mrs. George Mathiesen of Centerville, was killed last week when he slipped from an electric crane at Mare Island, where he was employed, and suffered fatal head injuries. He never regained consciousness. He was buried at Sunset Cemetery in Oakland.

A SHORT, SWEET MYSTERY STORY

Floors of the Niles post office this week took on a fragrance like violets and an appearance of rich mahogany (or something). It was all done with oil—floor oil, which costs \$3 for five gallons.

How? Why? This could turn out to be a mystery story, or a heroic story, or a tear-jerking story. Perhaps it is all three.

It is a mystery why the Post Office Department doesn't allow a penny in its budget for oiling post office floors. But along comes Postmaster Enos—the hero of our story—and gets the floor oil himself. And the tear-jerking thing about it is that the \$3 came out of his own pocket!

NEWARK BOY DIES IN FRANCE

With deep regret the township learns that it has lost one of its sons in service.

Pte. Charles Gutierrez of Newark was killed in action in France, according to a telegram from the War Department received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ysidro Gutierrez, on Wednesday.

No details are available at this time, except that Private Gutierrez was with an anti-aircraft battery. He attended night school at Washington Union High School from 1939 to 1941.

LOCAL WOMEN APPOINTED TO VETS FARM, HOME GROUP

Mrs. Nell F. Myers of Niles, Mrs. Stella S. Benbow of Warm Springs and Mrs. S. G. Scott of Newark, members of American Legion Auxiliary unit 195, have been appointed to the statewide Women's Committee of the World War II Veterans' Farm and Home group, according to State Chairman Mrs. L. B. McKinnon of Concord. The women's committee will work with men's groups in several hundred cities and towns of California to campaign for the adoption of Proposition No. 1 on the November 7 state election ballot. This measure provides for a \$30,000,000 bond issue for the purchase of homes and farms for Veterans of World War II.

ALVARADO BOY ENTERS COLGATE

HAMILTON, N. Y.—Donald J. Flores, Alvarado, Calif., is one of 52 men sent to Colgate University for training in the newly established Naval Academic Refresher Unit (V-7), which opened this week as one of three in the country. Flores, husband of Mrs. Helen K. Flores and son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Flores, Alvarado, will take eight weeks of work at Colgate before entering a midshipman's school.

All men in the unit were assigned direct from the fleet after showing officer aptitude. Flores entered the Navy in March, 1942, and was serving aboard a submarine before being assigned to Colgate. He holds a rating of pharmacist's mate, first class. He was graduated from Washington Union High School, Centerville, in 1935 and holds a B. S. degree from the University of California, received in 1939.

NAVAL CENTER AT IRVINGTON NEEDS WORKERS

Skilled civilian employees are urgently needed at the new Navy Material and Redistribution Center at Irvington. This center, one of the first of its kind on the west coast, will reclaim and redistribute obsolete radio and electronic equipment, saving the Navy millions of dollars from scrap piles of material.

The Labor Board for the 12th Naval District Agencies has announced a list of civilian job openings that must be filled before complete operations can get under way. The listing includes: quartermaster, leadingman, and snapper radio mechanic (\$1.70, \$1.45 and \$1.30), leadingman and snapper laborer (\$1.19 and \$1.04), journeyman and helper radio mechanics, riggers, chauffeurs and laborers.

All positions are under Civil Service, offering vacation and sick leave with pay. Promotions are made on an efficiency basis.

Equipment is available at the center to reclaim every type of naval electrical and radio material, much of which will be received from overseas.

Large bins and shelves will be installed for proper storage of spare parts which eventually will find their way into new generators, radio transmitters, special electrical equipment or back to raw material centers.

Hiring of Civil Service employees, under War Manpower Commission regulations is now being done at the Labor Board, Moffett Field.

STATE FARMERS IN GOOD SHAPE FINANCIALLY

The excellent financial condition of California farmers and stockmen is reflected in a report issued by the Federal Land Bank of Berkeley covering the fiscal year from July 1, 1943, through June 30, 1944. It shows that 8,218 California farmers paid their land bank and commissioner loans in full during this period as compared to 5,754 in 1942-43. Furthermore, the Land Bank does not own an acre of land through foreclosure in California.

In the four states of California, Arizona, Utah and Nevada, comprising the Eleventh Farm Credit District, a total of 10,271 land bank and commissioner loans were paid in full prior to maturity as compared with 7,532 for the previous fiscal year. Of the 10,271 loans paid off, 3,568 were made during the depression year of 1934. Borrowers made payments in excess of \$32,000,000 as compared to \$27,000,000 in 1942-43.

IRVINGTON FIRST GRADE IN AUDITORIUM

The first grade of the Irvington Elementary School will be installed this year in the school auditorium, according to Gus Robertson, principal. This is due to the already overcrowded condition of the school and to increased enrollment due to newcomers arriving in the community.

In order to give the appearance of a classroom, movable partitions will be installed in the auditorium. The school already has undergone painting, and the only work remaining to be done is trimming the outside.

MOSQUITOES, RATS BRING PROBLEMS, LIONS TOLD AT MEET

Dr. S. F. Farnsworth, Oakland city health officer, was guest speaker at the Lions Club meeting last Tuesday evening at the Black and White Restaurant in Centerville.

Dr. Farnsworth dealt with the impact of war on public health, and cited many examples of the problems that overcrowded war centers have brought to public health officers. Increased populations, returning service men, ships coming into the harbors, all have direct bearing on public health.

Malaria brought back from the tropics, for example, is an ever-present danger. Small mosquitoes are not carriers, but the larger mosquitoes are, and should be exterminated. And then tuberculosis is on the increase—not alarmingly so, but surely and steadily. This, no doubt, is caused to young people by working long hours in factories—working beyond their endurance.

Venereal disease is also rapidly increasing. In Dr. Farnsworth's department 200 cases a week are brought in—young people between the ages of 18 and 24. Fortunately, penicillin seems to be the answer to this problem.

Rats come in for their share of attention. Large numbers of people are living in what might be called slum areas along waterfronts, and where there are people and garbage there are rats. Five hundred rats are tested daily for bubonic plague. The health department has to be constantly on guard against this dread disease.

Dr. Farnsworth pointed out that in post-war planning, health and sanitation are the two most important problems to be considered.

NILES CHAMBER DISCUSSES TRAFFIC

Niles Chamber of Commerce at its luncheon meeting Monday gave attention to the need for an automatic signal at the railroad crossing on Nursery Road, at which place collision of a freight train and truck occurred last Sunday, resulting in the death of the driver of the truck.

Secretary A. J. Petsche this week is inquiring of the county board of supervisors and of the railroad company regarding installation of a signal at the crossing.

Also considered by the chamber, was the matter of poor observance of traffic laws by gravel trucks operating out of Niles.

It was noted that some of these trucks drive at excessive speed, do not properly observe stop signs, park contrary to law. Official chamber action on this matter was not taken but informal inquiries are being made to see if the situation may be corrected.

ATTEND OAKLAND MEET ON POST-WAR EMPLOYMENT

President E. E. Dias and Secretary A. J. Petsche of the Niles Chamber of Commerce attended a meeting on post-war reconstruction and re-employment in Oakland Tuesday.

The meeting was called by Col. Alexander R. Heron to obtain information to guide the state commission on reconstruction and re-employment in aiding post-war plans of bay area communities.

RECREATION PARK TO OPEN SOON

A new 12-acre recreation park will soon open in Niles Canyon, only a short distance from the San Jose highway. This new park—one might say it was another Alamo Rock—has in it a 50-by-80 foot new swimming pool (with well water), picnic tables, barbecue pits, baseball diamond, modern dressing rooms and toilet facilities—everything, in fact, that could be desired by township people who have wanted a little recreation and yet haven't had the gas to go anywhere for a vacation.

M. L. Silva, construction engineer, is the builder and owner of the park. The large swimming pool, of concrete, is beautifully situated near a grove. Later, says Mr. Silva, he plans to build a special swimming pool for children.

Plans also are being made for erection of a dance pavilion. So far the playground has not been given a name nor has the opening date been announced.

FARM BUREAU TO PICNIC

The seventh annual Farm Bureau picnic will be held at Linda Vista Park, Mission San Jose, on Sunday, August 27, at 10 a.m.

There will be gate prizes, games and contests with prizes, modern and old-time dancing. Free coffee, sugar and cream will be served, but coffee containers must be provided. Families and friends of the Farm Bureau are invited.

HOLY GHOST WILL HOLD NEWARK CELEBRATION

The Holy Ghost celebration will be held at Newark this Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13. High mass will be observed at St. Edwards Church at 10 a.m. Sunday, followed by a free dinner for everyone at the Pavilion. There will be dancing and auctioning off of different articles.

Township Has Bright Industrial Future, Speaker Tells Rotarians

"Washington Township is the finest industrial area in the bay region," Elmer Hammond, chairman of the Industrial Planning Committee of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, told the Niles Rotary Club at its luncheon meeting Thursday.

"You have the favorable factors of railroad transportation, good climate, adequate space, a good labor situation, and after the war you will have better highway transportation into Oakland over the new freeway to be built the length of the East Bay."

Hammond just recently returned from an extensive trip in the East upon which he contacted 85 leading industrial firms on the possibility of their establishing plants in the bay area. Ninety per cent of them are interested.

Reasons for this favorable attitude, according to Hammond, are:

1. Expanded domestic market on the Coast due to increased population.

2. Proximity of the bay area to oriental markets.

3. Protection of existing markets for their products on the Coast in competition with firms already having western locations and thus a freight advantage.

4. Economical electric power.

5. Availability of existing manufacturing facilities which have been constructed for war production.

6. Good labor supply.

Post-war planning of both public and industrial projects, said Hammond, must be done immediately. He reported that Lloyd's of London are writing policies to the effect that the European war will end by October 1 of this year. It is regarded as a certainty, he said, that the war in Europe will be ended by the last of this year.

And it is expected that Japan will be defeated within nine months of the fall of Hitler.

So, Hammond emphasized, plans for peace production and civic projects must be completed immediately. Any post-war project that does not get started within six months after the war's end will not help to take up industrial and labor lag which will be most critical right after the war ends.

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SEVERE SHORTAGE OF TRUCK TIRES

Truck tires size 8.25 and larger can not be issued by local ration boards, announces George Roeding, chairman of the local OPA.

He explains that a severe shortage of truck and bus tires exists, with only 38 per cent of needed replacement tires available.

Truck tire applications must be passed by the Central Emergency Truck Tire Panel of the OPA. Definite showing that the vehicle is of high essentiality must be made.

Applications must be accompanied by the following information:

1. Number of running wheels (on both tractors and trailers), using size of tires for which application is made.

2. Number of tires, including spares, on hand of that size.

3. Vehicles being stripped of tires to keep others in service.

4. Possibility of filling present request by further stripping of tires.

5. Names of commodities hauled and percentage of each, during the past 30 days and next 90 days.

6. Origin and destination of loads.

7. Has the applicant tried to find a used tire; if not, why not?

8. Is this truck now not operating because of need for a tire?

9. Name of dealer who can furnish tires applied for.

10. Any other information that might determine need for tires.

FRED REIDER MOURNED

Funeral services were held last Wednesday for Fred Reider, 49, who died after two operations in San Jose Hospital.

Mr. Reider, who had lived in this community for many years, was elected commander of American Legion Post No. 195 only last week. He was an honorary member of Molders Union No. 164 and belonged to the Knights of Pythias of Centerville.

He is survived by his wife, Emily, his daughter, Diane, two sisters and two brothers, who live in the East.

Final rites were observed at the Chapel of the Palms at Centerville and interment took place at the Golden Gate Cemetery in San Bruno.

DRIVING COURSE IS PART OF SOCIAL STUDIES

The new class in driving to be given at Washington Union High School this fall will be included in the safety unit of the social studies course, announces J. V. Gould, principal.

Driving lessons will be given to junior and senior students. The course will take only a few days and will not interfere with other lessons.

Township Register
NILES
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July 11, 1944

Dear Sir:
ALWAYS Glad To Receive the
Register It Makes Niles
Seem So Close.
Have Just Finished Reading
Friday Mat 26.
Enjoyed it Very Much.
Thanks Very Much
For the Way the Paper
Has Been Following Me.

Sincerely,
Arthur Marlen

THIS INTERESTING SKETCH was received by The Register from a reader in New Guinea. The paper he is reading, in case you quite make it out, is, of course, The Township Register. Marlen is a Niles boy.

...PERSONAL NEWS NOTES...

HOME FROM THE SEA is Fred Mokma, visiting his wife and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Lyon of Niles. Mr. Mokma, a member of the merchant marine, has just returned from eight weeks at sea.

VACATION at Big Basin for Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Griffin and family of Irvington. They will be gone for two weeks.

VISITORS at the Fred Duffie home in Niles last week-end were Pvt. and Mrs. James McCarty from North Carolina. Mrs. McCarty is Mr. Duffie's cousin. Her husband is stationed at Fort Ord.

SAN FRANCISCO visitor at Mrs. Edgar Dawson's home in Niles is Mrs. E. L. Stealy, sister of Mrs. Mildred Wilder. Mrs. Stealy just received a letter from her son, Lt. E. STEELY, that he is now in France. He is a graduate of Washington Union High and of the University of California.

LOOKING UP OLD FRIENDS in Niles this week was Mrs. Walter Wayne and daughter, Diane. They were guests of the Dan Marbles.

Col. J. Blaghton, stationed at Fort Ord, was the **WEEK-END GUEST** of his sister, Mrs. Sylvan Peterson of Newark.

VISITING her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gastelum of Newark, over the week-end, was Mrs. Thurston Davis of San Francisco. Mrs. Davis, the former Dora Gastelum, has received the news that her husband has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the Quartermaster Corps. Lt. Davis attended O.C.S. at Camp Lee in the East.

WEEK-END VISITORS from Stockton at the home of Judge Norris of Centerville were his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Norris.

In Santa Cruz on her vacation is Miss LUCILLE DEWITT of Newark. She is employed at the James Graham Manufacturing Company.

RECENT DINNER GUESTS at the Ralph Bangle home in Newark were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gibson and their daughter, Alice May.

BUFFET SUPPER at the W. F. Lamoreux home in Niles. The L. R. Batmans were their guests last Friday evening.

The Misses Betty Vieux and Blanche Pratani are **HOME FROM COLLEGE** (San Francisco Junior College), where they have been taking preparatory study to enter nursing training at Mary's Help Hospital in San Francisco. They will be home for two weeks.

Arriving here from Chicago is **DR. ARNOLD NASH**, who is vacationing with his family at a cottage on Mission Peak. Dr. Nash was lecturing on religious instruction in Chicago.

Miss Margaret Grace of Newark has **RETURNED** from her Santa Cruz vacation.

SURPRISE PARTY last Friday for Mrs. Leon Solon. It was her birthday and the guests came bearing a large birthday cake. Those who were present included Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dias, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dias, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Geib and Mr. and Mrs. Solon.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you" was what Mrs. Harry Querner repeated Wednesday evening when the employees of the International Kitchen gave her a surprise birthday party. Cake and ice cream were served.

RECOVERED from her recent illness is Bonnie George. She is back at the Niles Sweet Shop again.

DRAMATIC SHOW IN HAYWARD

One of the most dramatic motion pictures of the war, prepared by the Army for showing to war workers, will be presented at the forthcoming "Food for Victory" show to be given in Hayward on August 14, according to word received by Walter Gamman, manager of the local office of the U. S. Employment Service.

The picture, just released for the first time, is "Brief for Invasion." Coinciding with the current military operations in Europe, the War Department rushed the picture into completion.

It will be shown in connection with the Army show to be given to arouse an awareness on the part of all of the serious need for canner workers.

Mrs. John Rathbone, seventh grade teacher at the Niles school, is **VACATIONING** at Santa Barbara for two or three weeks.

VACATIONING at Lake Tahoe for a week is Mrs. Harriet Thornburg of Centerville.

Mrs. Jackie Rose of Niles has **JUST RETURNED** from Los Angeles, where she visited her husband, Alvin Rose, U.S.N.

MISSION SAN JOSE

LOIS JUSTUS, Correspondent

Miss Mary Ann McIvor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert McIvor, is spending a week at Camp Kent near Mill Valley. She is attending summer conference of the Presbyterian Church there under the direction of Reverend Phillip Evald and his wife and others of this community and Hayward.

Bert Justus vacationed in Sacramento last week at the home of his dad, Harley L. Justus, and his sisters, Mrs. Norman J. Kamp and Mrs. Thomas C. Santos. He returned to his work at Marchant Calculating Company on Monday.

We really have a sharpshooter in the gentler sex here in the Mission. At least we claim her, as her home was here for many years.

Mrs. Marie Cunha, the former Marie Telles, daughter of Joe Telles, bagged the largest buck brought down around here this season. She spent several hours stalking her animal before she finally got her chance. It was a four pointer on the right and a three pointer on the left, shot on her father's ranch about 1 o'clock Saturday.

Marie was so excited she ran all the way to the ranch house and finally got them to understand what she had done. They went and brought it in and Marie said she was going to have pictures to prove that her first year at really hunting was a grand success. Aren't these women becoming real men, though? Mrs. Dan'l Boone in person!

The West of Market Street boys and girls surely went to town in the Mission at Linda Vista Park last Sunday with the largest picnic so far this year. Everyone had a very grand time with swimming and baseball the main attractions. There were games and contests of all kinds and many useful as well as silly gifts were given away. The dance pavilion did a good business also. There was a bit of tragedy in the afternoon when an ambulance and doctor were summoned when someone had a heart attack. There was also some rough-and-tumble horse-play among the servicemen and some of the rest but it only added spice to a very festive afternoon.

Rev. Father Manuel Rose of Patterson, former assistant to Father Leal, spent one day this past week here at the parsonage and visited with the Dominican Sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Cross, who have been on vacation from their work at the Moore shipyard, took their family, Edna Mae, David, and Myrna Cross and Mrs. Elsie Wilcox, his mother, and Mrs. Lois Justus to Oakland last Friday to the shipyards, where they attended the launching of the S. S. Hurricane. The noise and work continued through the ceremony. There is a superstition at shipyards that vessels should be able to see where they are going, so two huge eyes are painted on each side.

Mrs. Hortense Andrade received that long-looked-for letter from her son, Elmo. He is out of the hospital now and will be back in the harness before long. He was wounded in the foot, not too seriously, at Saipan, and is recuperating somewhere out there. He now has the purple heart.

Pfc. William F. Fernandez of Fort Ord spent the week-end here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Silva with his wife and daughter, Sharon. He returned to duty Monday morning.

James "Rusty" O'Connell, formerly employed at the Dominican Company, is now employed by Mrs. C. E. Best. He is a San Francisco boy who is now making his home in the Mission.

It was nearly sundown when Mr. and Mrs. Joe Semas went up the road toward the Mission Peak ranch of Mrs. Margaret Moore McClure to do a bit of deer hunting when they came upon what could easily have been a serious accident.

Mrs. McClure was on her way home when her horse became frightened by a wounded deer lying in the roadway and nearly backed the cart on which she was riding over the edge of the cliff. Mrs. McClure threw herself from the cart, receiving bad scratches and bruises. She managed to get the horse under control and then the Semas' came upon the scene. The wounded deer lunged over the cliff. Mr. Semas killed it.

Raymond F. Smith S/1 is confined in the hospital at Shoemaker with six broken ribs, according to his wife, Dawn Smith. He has been on active duty overseas.

Jimmie Semas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Semas, went by bus with his cousins, Miss Bernice Costa and Miss Loretta Brages, to Selma, where he will vacation at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Francis Enos.

Herman Medeiros has been confined to his home for the past week because of illness, but is nearly ready to go back to his job at the Graham Manufacturing Co.

JAP TROPHY SHOWN AT CENTERVILLE GARAGE

On display in the show window of the Joe Adams Garage in Centerville is a Japanese bicycle taken in New Guinea and sent home by Gerald Dutra to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Dutra of Centerville.

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Carrot Juice Here's Health—12-oz. can 9c
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Rain Drops

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Plum Jam

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Dressing

Duchess—Salad—Qt. **35c**

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Gardenside Peas Std. (5)—No. 2 can **12c**
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Human Reconversion

Perhaps the most far-reaching veterans rehabilitation program in all history is well under way in at least a dozen states, the dispatches announce—a program designed to assist wounded veterans to reshape their lives and carve out gainful and prideful places for themselves in the post-war world.

The completed plans, according to the Veterans Administration, call for establishment of between 75 and 100 vocational counseling and

rehabilitation centers in the colleges and universities throughout the United States. The best qualified vocational counselors in the country will aid in the work, and top-ranking scientific and educational care will be available in the co-operative program. At present, veterans with a minimum of 10 per cent disability are eligible for the service.

The objective is not the simple matter of restoring men to their former places in society, but to discover and develop latent talents and abilities, to overcome handicaps and disabilities, to train proficient, prideful workmen who neither need nor ask outside aid, to open for veterans the richer, fuller lives they have earned the right to live.

Already 3000 wounded men have embarked on the rehabilitation and "retooling" program. More thousands shortly will set their feet on the broad avenue to purposeful living from which a grateful nation is trying to smooth the obstacles.

In the years ahead when many of the sprawling, jerry-built goomtowns that war created and reconversion desolated are buried in the dust of time, the enduring values of this human reconversion program will make America a finer, better nation for generations to come.



It's the truth! There is a country weekly in the Middle West which heads its obituary column, "The Doings of the Dead."

"Are you sleepy?" I asked the editor.

"Of course I'm sleepy," replied the editor, yawning. "Show me the country editor who isn't sleepy. He works all day and worries all night."

"What you need is a bedtime story," I said.

"All right, tell me one," said the editor, not thinking I would. But I did. Here it is:

Once upon a time there were a nice little man and his little wife, who decided to spend their reclining years in a very pretty little town. Through the pretty little town ran a very charming creek which gurgled and chortled its way merrily through its banks of willow and sycamore trees.

"Ah, what a delightful place to spend one's reclining years!" said the little man.

"Isn't it!" echoed his wife. And they promptly built themselves a house in the little town. (Shall we call it Niles?)

They spent several pleasant years in their cozy cottage. Everybody was friendly. The climate was ideal. They were very happy.

Then one day they looked out of their window and saw some men digging. The men were digging in

the creek bed. The little man was a trifle worried. He didn't want to see the beautiful surroundings ruined.

"But they are not hurting anything," his wife reminded him. "They are only digging in the creek bed. That is all right, isn't it?"

"Yes, of course," said the little man. "They won't hurt anything by just digging in the creek bed. And he was very happy again."

But one day he looked out of his window again and he saw the men digging—but they were not digging in the creek bed. They were scooping out the banks along the creek.

"Tut, tut," said the little man, a worried frown on his face. "We must do something about that. They must not dig up our good land."

"Yes, we must do something about it," said his wife, a worried frown on her face also. So they went around to their neighbors and their neighbors wrung their hands and said, yes, it was too bad, and yes, something ought to be done about it, that all the good land was being spoiled.

But nobody really did anything about it. And the men kept digging, and the dust rolled and the gravel trucks whizzed down the streets, and everybody had to jump when they crossed the streets to get out of the way. And it made them all very nervous. But nobody did anything about it.

And then one day the little man looked out of his window, and he saw one of his neighbors' houses topple right off over the precipice into a gravel pit. The little man felt very sad about losing his neighbor. (The neighbor was in the house when it went over, you see.)

Then the rains came and there were avalanches, but the men kept right on digging. The little man decided to go to the local

newspaperman about it. "Can't you do something?" he pleaded. "Our little town is disappearing."

"Yes, it is too bad," said the editor. "But I can not say anything about it. I might make somebody mad."

So one by one the houses of the little town were dug out from under, and they toppled over into the yawning gravel pits. And the little man and his wife began to get very worried; the digging was getting pretty close to their own house.

Finally, the little man and his wife were the only ones left in the town. "This is terrible," said the little man.

"Yes, it's terrible," agreed his wife. And they decided that they would really do something about it. And they did.

They went to the edge of one of the biggest pits and jumped over the precipice.

That was indeed too bad. Because the very next day the men decided that they had dug enough in the little town, and that they would go and dig in another little town. (Shall we call it Centerville?)

"How do you like that story?" I asked the editor. But he did not hear me. He was fast asleep.

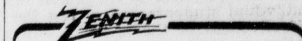
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ARMED FORCES

(Continued from page 1)

Mrs. Maria Alonzo of Newark is a lucky mother to have both her sons, ALFRED and TONY ALONZO of the Navy, home at the same time. Alfred has just returned from two years overseas.

News has been received by Mrs. B. Laudenslager of Newark that her son, Pfc. LEONARD LAUDENSLAGER, has been wounded in France. He is in the Paratroops. Mrs. Laudenslager has three other boys in the Army, Richard, who is with the Paratroops in New Guinea; James, who is in Italy; and Howard, who is still stationed in the United States.

Home on a 20-day furlough is Pvt. ROY MATHIESEN, who is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mathiesen of Centerville. Roy has been stationed in North Carolina the past four months. His brother, ART 1/c GEORGE MATHIESEN, took part in the French invasion and also in the invasion of Italy.

HENRY BORCHI of Decoto, N.R.O.T.C. at the University of California, turned out for football this fall and is playing first-string tackle.

Pvt. THOMAS W. PARRY now has an A.P.O. number. He is the son of Mrs. Catherine Parry of Niles. He had been stationed at Camp Beale.

MRS. HAINES OUTLINES P.T.A. PROGRAM FOR YEAR

Mrs. J. S. Haines of Hayward, president of 16th District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., has called an executive board meeting for officers and council president for 10 a.m., Monday, August 14, in the district office, Rose and Walnut Streets, Berkeley Board of Education Administration Building, to discuss budget and program, and make plans for the forthcoming year.

SEWING CIRCLE WILL MEET

Friendly Sewing Circle will meet Monday afternoon, August 14, at Mrs. Catherine Parry's home in Niles. Assisting Mrs. Parry will be Miss Alice Leask and Mrs. May Bolter. Mrs. Sena Carr is president of the Circle.

LILLIAN HARVEY ENGAGED

A vacation romance has led to the engagement of Miss Lillian Harvey of Centerville and Cpl. Gene Korth, U.S.M.C. Cpl. Korth met Miss Harvey when she was spending her vacation in Santa Cruz, where he is stationed. There are no immediate wedding plans.

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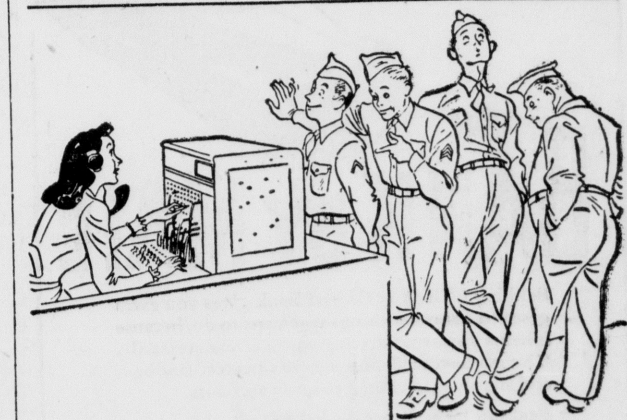
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IRVINGTON P. T. A. COMMITTEE MEETS

The program committee of the Irvington P. T. A. is meeting tonight (Friday) at the home of the president, Mrs. R. A. Griffin, to plan the program for the coming year. Mrs. George Scammon is chairman of the group. Other members include Miss Mary Virginia Bristow, teacher at the school, and Gus Robertson, principal.

Theme for the year is "Community Life in Our Town."

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Monday, Aug. 14, 7 to 11 p.m.—String Beans
Tuesday, Aug. 15, 1 to 5 p.m.—Peaches
Wednesday, Aug. 16, 7 to 11 p.m.—Chicken and Rabbit
Thursday, Aug. 17, 1 to 5 p.m.—Corn, Beets and Carrots
Friday, Aug. 18, 1 to 5 p.m.—Apple Sauce
Monday, Aug. 21, 7 to 11 p.m.—String Beans
Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 11 p.m.—Peaches
Wednesday, Aug. 23, 1 to 5 p.m.—Corn
Friday, Aug. 25, 1 to 5 p.m.—Peaches

Anyone who has something to can which is not on the Schedule may make arrangements by calling the Amador Valley Joint Union High School, Pleasanton 152, and if possible the time will be set aside. Patrons should be at the cannery at the time given in the schedule.

DECOTO-NEWS

By ELSA WALKER

The Decoto Discussion Group met at the home of Mrs. Charles Brown for the August meeting. An attractive luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Mae Rowlett. The table was a very pleasing picture, with dishes, napkins and flowers all in harmonizing shades of mauve, wine and violet.

After the luncheon the ladies adjourned to the garden, where the work on drama was taken up. The Bluebird by Maeterlinck was discussed first, then the miracle plays in general and the Second Shepherd's Play in particular. Plans were also made at this time to continue the work another year and the program was arranged.

The first meeting of the 1944-45 program will be the opera meeting and the leader, Mrs. Leontine Costa, has selected La Traviata for

study. Miss Cecilia Janeiro will be hostess.

The Decoto Pinchle Club was entertained at the Walter Walker home with Mrs. Mae Rowlett as hostess. A good crowd was present and the cards developed their usual freakish effects, two players finishing the fourth hand with a score of exactly zero. Prizes were a ladies' affair, high score going to Mrs. Harold Wallace, with Mrs. Ethel Avilla and Mrs. Leontine Costa taking the remainder. Delicious refreshments of salad, relishes and coffee were served by Mrs. Rowlett at 12 o'clock. The next meeting will be at the Janeiro home and will be preceded by a barbecue dinner.

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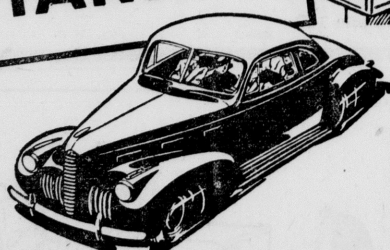
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